## FACTS

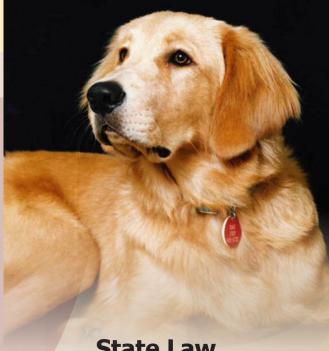
- Spaying/Neutering reduces pet overpopulation
- Spaying/Neutering will not make your pet fat
- Your dog will live a longer, healthier life
- Spaying and neutering is good for the community

## **Spay/Neuter Assistance**

- A \$50 dollar voucher will be available to those who qualify
- Vouchers are available through POPCO, for people living in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County

Please call 1-888-767-2550 to check if you qualify



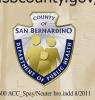


# **State Law**

California Health and Safety Code Section 122330, permits cities and counties to take appropriate action aimed at eliminating uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding of animals.

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# **New County ORDINANCE**



Spaying/Neutering of Dogs within San Bernardino County that are in Violation of State and Local Laws





# Dear Community Partners,

In an effort to improve public safety and reduce the number of stray dogs, the County of San Bernardino is proposing a new ordinance:

- Owners of dogs in violation of State or Local laws will be required to have their dog spayed/neutered. (Section 32.1502-32.1503)
- Responsible dog owners who are in compliance with all State and Local laws are not affected by this ordinance
- Mandatory Spaying/Neutering of Pit Bull or Pit Bull type dogs is unaffected by this ordinance

# **Canine Spay/Neuter**



Spay/Neuter means that a licensed veterinarian performs an operation on a dog to prevent a litter. Females are spayed and males are neutered. An unaltered dog means an animal which has not been spayed or neutered.

### **BENEFITS**

- Reduces the number of unwanted dogs in the community by enforcing spay/neuter laws
- Holds accountable irresponsible dog owners
- Decreases undesirable behaviors such as roaming

### **TARGET POPULATION**

 Owner or custodian of an unaltered dog in violation of another State or Local law

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

- Dogs which are unable to be spayed or neutered without a high likelihood of suffering serious bodily harm or death
- Purebred dogs, recognized by and registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), or other national registry
- Dogs at a licensed breeding kennel as defined in Section 32.0301
- Dogs used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes
- Qualified service or assistance dogs as defined in Food and Agriculture Section 30850
- Competition dogs that have competed in at least one dog show or sporting competition sanctioned by a national registry within the last 365 days
- Dogs that have earned a conformation, obedience, agility, carting, herding, protection, rallying, sporting, working or other titles from a purebred dog registry
- Dog owners who possess a valid Facility/ Kennel license pursuant to Section 32.0111 or Section 32.0112

